

4 September 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Curriculum Council

SUBJECT : Summary of Meeting, 23 August 1973

1. The Council met in the DTR Conference Room at 1400 hours, with all members present except [redacted]

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2. The first matter considered was the place of Intercultural Communication in OTR training efforts. [redacted] raised the question as to whether such training really was needed, on the grounds that highly successful case officers generally tend to discount the importance of training in this area, asserting that consciousness about these factors and dealing with them come naturally as part of the successful case officer's makeup. The counterpoint was raised that there may well be a significant number of case officers who might be more successful if they were properly attuned to cultural considerations. No specific conclusions were reached about training in this field other than to leave to the new specialist coming on board in the Intelligence Institute, Dr. [redacted] to work matters out with other OTR instructors.

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3. The second item for consideration was whether or not OTR should retain a Reading Improvement program. After considerable discussion, in which the consensus of the members was to question the utility of such a program, it was concluded that OTR would include the Time-Life video-cassette reading program in the Self-Study Centers to be established.

4. The third and last item related to the establishment and administration of the proposed Self-Study Centers. [redacted] briefly described the programs available (indicating that only one of them would be available at the proposed Ames Building Center) and pointed out that the room made available to OTR and OJCS jointly (1E-4810, Hqs.) would be on a temporary basis only. Additional discussion led to the possibility that storage cabinets for the TV equipment and cassettes might well be constructed at

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[redacted] considerable saving to OTR. Mr. [redacted] agreed to pursue this matter [redacted] A detailed plan for operation of the Self-Study Centers is to be developed by Mr. [redacted] the officer assigned to administer them, for submission to the Curriculum Council.

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